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Ms. Linda Priddy  
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Sixth Avenue (WD-113)  
Seattle, Washington 98101

Dear Ms. Priddy:

RE: North Market Street Site - A to Z Rental Facility

This letter is in response to your recent inquiry on the basis for assigning potentially liable person (PLP) status to the A to Z Rental facility located at N. 8000 Market Street (A to Z.) Mr. Milt Neuman, owner and operator, was notified of PLP status with regard to the North Market Street Site in May 1991, as defined under Model Toxics Control Act (Chapter 70.105D RCW.) A to Z's PLP status was established, primarily, because of the findings summarized below.

Credible evidence exists indicating there has been a release of hazardous substances at the facility. The following features are potential sources of contamination at the facility:

- Well No. 45. Water from an unused supply well located on the facility (known as Well No. 45, or the A-Z Well) is contaminated with organic-chemical hazardous substances. Floating oily- or fuel-like contaminants have also been observed in samples collected from the well.
- Underground Storage Tank. A decommissioned underground storage tank located at the facility potentially released petroleum product into the environment prior to abandonment.
- Facility Dry Wells. Dry wells at the facility are a potential point source of hazardous substances released into the environment.

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- Wash Pad discharge. A release of hazardous substances occurred near an equipment wash down/service pad at the facility. Near-surface soils have potentially been contaminated in this area.

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has not obtained credible information from A to Z to justify taking the facility off the North Market Street Site PLP list. Ecology is preparing to notify A to Z that the agency is now ready to require initiation of a formal technical investigation to satisfactorily evaluate and/or clean up these areas of concern.

Should you have any questions, or would like to further discuss this situation, please call me at (509) 625-5182.

Sincerely,



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Toxics Cleanup Program

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